

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

FLAVIA BENITEZ,
Plaintiff,

v.

SODEXHO MARRIOTT SERVICES,
Defendant.

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) C.A. NO.: 04-11959-NG
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**DEFENDANT'S BRIEF STATEMENT PURSUANT TO
THE COURT'S FEBRUARY 3, 2006 SCHEDULING ORDER**

The defendant, Sodexho, Inc., misnamed herein Sodexho Marriott Services, hereby submits this Brief Statement pursuant to the Scheduling Order issued by the Court (Dein, USMJ), on February 3, 2006. The defendant requests that the Court approve and adopt the following Proposed Pretrial Schedule and Discovery Plan.

Proposed Pretrial Schedule and Discovery Plan

- A. Deposition of the Plaintiff to be taken by the Defendant on May 23, 2006.
- B. Fact discovery to be completed by September 23, 2006.
- C. Summary judgment motions to be served and filed on or before October 23, 2006.
- D. Any opposition to a Motion for Summary Judgment shall be served and filed no later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of the Motion to which it responds.
- E. Any party moving for Summary Judgment can file a reply to any opposition no later than ten (10) days after the service of the opposition.

- F. Plaintiff to designate experts and serve expert reports forty-five (45) days after receipt of a decision by the Court denying any Motion for Summary Judgment or December 7, 2006, whichever is later.
- G. Defendant to designate experts and serve expert reports forty-five (45) days after receipt of the plaintiff's expert designation or January 29, 2007, whichever is later.
- H. Expert discovery completed thirty (30) days after receipt of the defendant's expert designation and service of expert reports or February 28, 2007, whichever is later.

Case Status

The instant matter is still at the initial stages of discovery, and significant discovery needs to be accomplished before this matter will be ready for setting a further pretrial and trial schedule. The current scheduling order requires the Plaintiff to submit to the Defendant's attention complete interrogatory answers as well as a signed medical release form: to date the Defendant has not received these materials from the Plaintiff.

Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution

At this time, the Defendant is not interested in submitting this matter to an Alternative Dispute Resolution program.

Consent to Trial Before the Magistrate Judge

The defendant respectfully declines at this time to consent to trial before the Magistrate Judge.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant respectfully requests that the Court approve the Defendant's Proposed Pretrial Schedule and Discovery Plan, with such amendments as the Court deems just and fair.

Respectfully submitted,

SODEXHO, INC.,
by its attorneys,

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Dated: March 20, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Brian M. Haney, attorney for Sodexho, Inc., misnamed herein as Sodexho Marriott Services, in the above-captioned action, hereby certify that on this 20th day of March, 2006, a copy of Defendant's Brief Statement Pursuant to the Court's February 3, 2006 Scheduling Order was served via first-class mail upon the plaintiff, Flavia Benitez, at the following address:

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/s/ Brian M. Haney _____
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